

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. TF-02-503
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**ORDER DOCKETING TARIFF AND REQUIRING REPORT**

(Issued October 22, 2002)

On October 1, 2002, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) proposed tariffs, identified as TF-02-503, that make numerous rate, term, and condition changes to MidAmerican's excess facilities and flexible pricing riders. The Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed a conditional objection and response on October 17, 2002.

Consumer Advocate, in its response, said it was reviewing the proposed tariffs and conducting discovery on potential issues, among them whether one or more of the proposed changes constitute prohibited piecemeal ratemaking. Consumer Advocate said that after it completes its investigation, it would advise the Board whether Consumer Advocate has a formal objection to the tariffs.

In order to allow time for investigation of the proposed tariffs, the Board will suspend the tariffs and docket them for investigation. Consumer Advocate will be required to file a report with the Board on or before December 2, 2002, advising the

Board of the status of Consumer Advocate's investigation. The Board will then determine what, if any, additional procedures are required.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. An investigation is instituted to determine the reasonableness of MidAmerican Energy Company's proposed tariffs, identified as TF-02-503. Tariff filing TF-02-503 is suspended. The expenses reasonably attributable to this investigation shall be assessed to MidAmerican in accordance with Iowa Code § 476.10 (2001 Supp.).

2. The Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice shall file a status report on or before December 2, 2002.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2002.